

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following at page 1, before the first line thereof:

This application is a National Stage application of PCT/EP03/10657, filed September 25, 2003. Priority to German application 102 44 996.1, filed September 26, 2002, is claimed.

Please amend the paragraph at specification page 3, lines 34-37 as follows:

Usual reaction temperatures are from 150 to 500 °C, and usual reaction pressures are from 1 to 25 bar. Since the reaction is an equilibrium reaction, it is advantageous to work at the lowest possible temperatures at which the catalyst still has satisfactory activity. The reaction temperature is preferably ≤350°C, including ≤ 300°C, particularly preferably from 200 to 250°C.